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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

MASAHIDE HIRASAWA)

Application No.: 09/348,500)

Filed: July 7, 1999)

For: IMAGE PICKUP CONTROL)
APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP)
CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE)
PICKUP CONTROL SYSTEM, AND)
STORAGE MEDIUM)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the

June 30, 2004 Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: